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DID YOU KNOW ?

UNB STUDENT AND DEAN AT THE OLYMPICS

At the Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, last September, the University of New Brunswick was well represented -- by one student and one dean.

Don Dickison, a third-year physical education student, was competing in the men's pair as a member of the Canadian rowing team. And Don Eagle, dean of students, was the team leader for the Canadian men's and women's gymnastics team.

Mr. Dickison and his partner Dave Johnson of Toronto hope to place in the top 12 during the rowing competition from Sept. 17 to 25. They in the end finished 13th - first in the third final.

The 22-year-old, the youngest member of the Canadian rowing team, "has yet to peak," according to his coach/consultant, Kim Norris, director of the UNB Student Union Building. "He will be just getting (into the sport) in 1992 (when the next Olympics are held)." Most Olympic rowers are about 26 years old: some are in their early 30's, Mr. Norris says.

Don Dickison discovered rowing in 1984. In the 1985 Canada Summer Games in Saint John, he and his twin brother Dave (also a third-year physical education student at UNB) won two medals for New Brunswick: silver in the double and gold in the quad.

In the 1986 speed Orders, a two-week competition in ;which the top oarsmen in Canada are rated, Mr. Dickison earned a place on the Canadian Senior B team. That summer, he won a bronze in the quad at the world competition in Germany and he and his brother took the gold for the double in the Canadian national competitions and the gold for the quad in the Royal Canadian Henley in which 2,500 rowers competed.

Last year, the Fredericton native represented Canada in the single, finishing ninth a the World Student Games and seventh at the Pan American Games.

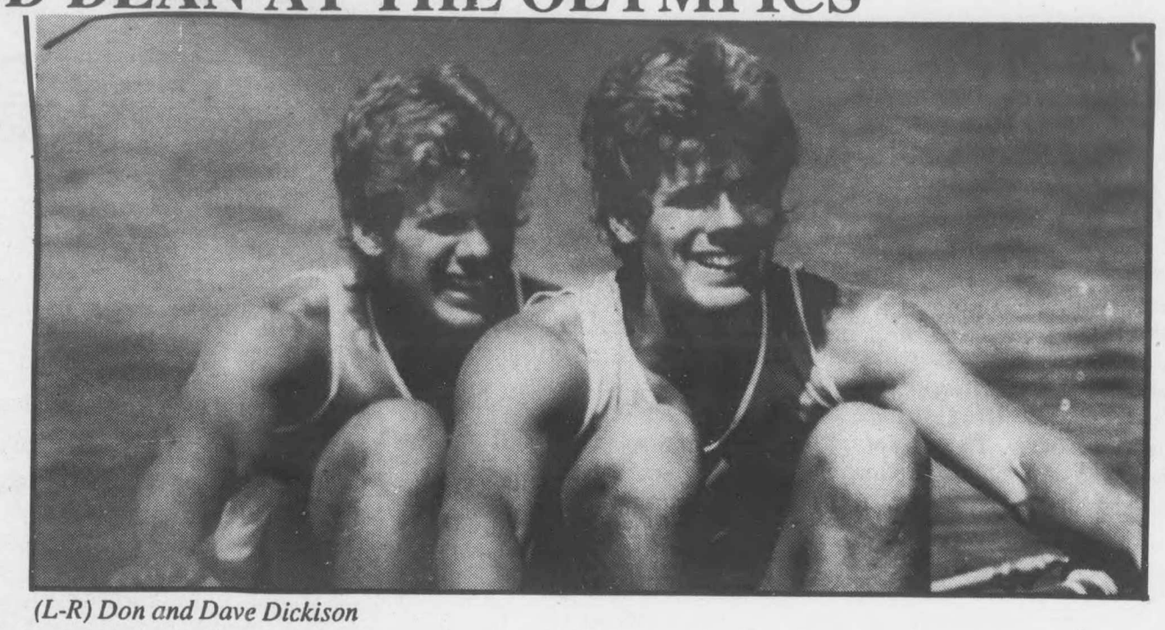
His chance for the Olympics came in the 1988 Speed Orders when he was selected for the national Senior A team in sweeping (rowing with one oar in pairs).

Don Dickison has certainly earned his place on the Canadian Olympic team. In the winter, he works out on an ergometer, a computerized land-locked rowing machine, for at least four hours every day. Even before the ice leaves the river in March, he begins rowing on the river about six hours a day. In addition, he lifts weights and practises race plans and stroke techniques in his mind. This summer he has been training and competing in Victoria, Holland and Switzerland.

Don Eagle was working behind the scenes at Seoul. He was acting as a liaison officer between the gymnastics team (seven male and seven female athletes, four coaches, and two officials) and the central mission staff for the Canadian contingent.

Although officially on duty from morning until night, Dean Eagle was working a regular working day and have time off to observe events other than gymnastics.

Dean of students at UNB since 1984, Don Eagle also teaches in the faculty of physical education and recreation. For the past 20 years he has worked in gymnastics--as a teacher, coach, judge and administrator. He has coached the UNB men's and women's gymnastics teams, several Winter Games teams and a member of the junior men's national gymnastics team.



(L-R) Don and Dave Dickison

In 1984 he was appointed Canada's representative to the technical sub committee of the International Gymnastics Federation. He has been chairman of the New Brunswick Gymnastics Association and a member of the executive of the Canadian Gymnastics Federation.

As a judge, Dean Eagle has worked at meets in Canada, the United States, Moscow, Mexico and Rumania. In 1976 he was a technical observer at the Olympic Games in Montreal.

RED STICKS HOST TOURNEY

The Red Sticks hosted their 4th annual indoor field hockey tournament for senior players.

Due to weather conditions there were only 5 teams making up the tournament. The Couples Club, made up of field hockey playing women, were able to drag out their husbands to play in the tournament as well. They ended up being very successful as they defeated the UNB Men's Team - The Golden Strikers in the final by a score of 7-4.

Scoring for the Couples Club was Dwight Hornibrook with 3 goals (former UNB Red Shirt) and Donna (Phillips) Hornibrook adding 1 (former UNB Red Stick). Kathryn (MacDougall) Johnson scored 2 goals and husband Barry added 1 goal. Kathryn is also a former Red Stick. Rounding out the scoring was brother of Dwight, Chris Hornibrook (also a former Red Shirt) and former UNB grad students Fran and Steve Harris. Fran was the goalkeeper extrodinaire, and Steve was the defensive specialist.

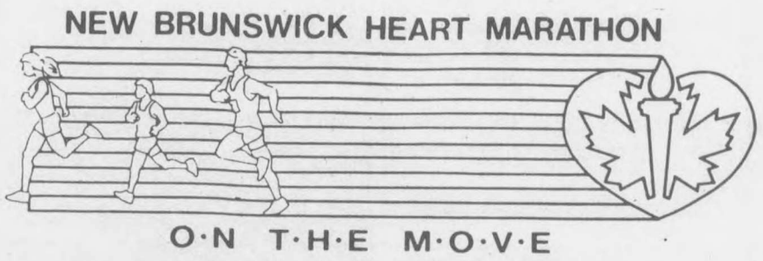
Scoring for the men's team were Peter Tracey with 3 goals and Ragnar Oborn with 1. Randy Smith (former UNB Black Bear) tended goal for the Strikers.

The UNB Red Sticks without goalkeeper Sheila Bell managed to make it to the semi finals but lost to the Men 10-4 in the semis. Nick Ruddock, the English import, scored 5 goals, Mike Coleman, of Varsity Mania fame, added 3 goals, and Oborn finished with 2 goals. Former Red Stick, Lisa Kilpatrick and Nancy Peppler had 2 goals each for the Sticks.

The Couples Club reached the finals by beating the N.B. Canada Games Gold Team 9-2.

UNB will also host a High School Indoor Tournament this weekend April 8. Teams from F.H.S., P.E.I., Mathew Martin, Sussex, J.M. Hill, HTHS, MHS, Saint John H.S. and C.P. Allen H.S. of Nova Scotia will attend. Plan to come out and support your high school alma-mater. Play starts at 9 am and goes all day Saturday. Four players that will be attending this tournament have been selected to the Canadian Under 18 National Team. They are Sara Forbes of F.H.S., Sherri Fields of M.H.S. and Kelly McCormack and Tanya Walen of J.M. Hill.

Two Red Sticks have also been selected to tryout for Canada's National Teams. Joan Robere a second year Red Stick and Carla Reeves a 5th year player will go to Toronto for the month of May to vie for spots on the Jr. and Sr. National Teams. Both have considerable experience at these camps as they have both played for Canada's Junior's Team. They have both been practising hard and should do well.



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